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TO AMCONSUL GUAYAQUIL NIACT IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: EFIS, EC

SUBJECT: TUNA BOAT SEIZURES: LETTER TO FISHERIES SUBSECRETARY

1. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO DELIVER TEXT OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER  
DATED FEBRUARY 13, 1975, FROM POLITICAL COUNSELOR TO GOE  
FISHERIES SUBSECRETARY, TO ZAPATA AND STARKIST REPS IN GUAYA-  
QUIL ASAP. SPANISH TEXT FOLLOWS SEPTEL, AND WE HAVE NO  
OBJECTION TO YOUR CONVEYING IT TO APPROPRIATE GOE OFFICIALS.  
ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE TO DELIVER TEXTS TO DEWITT.

2. BEGIN TEXT DEAR MR. SUBSECRETARY: I HAVE THE HONOR  
TO REFER TO OUR CONVERSATION ON THE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 13  
CONCERNING THE OFF-LOADING OF CATCH FROM THE UNITED STATES-  
FLAG TUNA VESSELS CURRENTLY UNDER DETENTION AT SALINAS.  
THE PURPOSE OF THIS LETTER IS TO REQUEST THAT ANY  
INSTRUCTIONS TO UNLOAD THESE VESSELS AT SALINAS OR TO MOVE  
THEM FOR UNLOADING TO MANTA BE CONVEYED IN THE FIRST  
INSTANCE TO THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE OWNERS WHO WILL  
IN TURN ADVISE THE CAPTAINS OF THE VESSELS. FOR YOUR  
INFORMATION, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FIRST FOUR  
VESSELS CAPTURED IS MR. ARTHUR SOUSA. THE REPRESENTAT-  
IVES OF THE OTHER THREE ARE MR. ANTHONY NIZETICH AND  
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MR. BRANKO S. ZUNJIC. ALL THREE OF THESE GENTLEMAN

CAN PRESENTLY BE REACHED AT THE CONTINENTAL HOTEL IN  
GUAYAQUIL.

AS AN ADDED PRECAUTION TO ENSURE PROPER COORDINATION  
AND SO THAT WE MAY HAVE CONSULAR OFFICERS ON HAND TO  
WITNESS WHATEVER STEPS MIGHT BE TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO  
THE VESSELS IN QUESTION, IT IS MY FURTHER REQUEST THAT  
THE FOLLOWING UNITED STATES OFFICIALS ALSO BE ADVISED  
OF ANY INSTRUCTIONS WHICH MIGHT BE CONVEYED BY YOUR  
GOVERNMENT TO THE VESSEL REPRESENTATIVES: CONSUL KENNETH  
KELLER, GUAYAQUIL (TEL: 511-570) AND CONSUL GENERAL  
JOHN DEWITT, NOW IN SALINAS (TEL: 77-25-69). IF THERE  
IS ANY DIFFICULTY IN COMMUNICATING WITH THE ABOVE-MEN-  
TIONED INDIVIDUALS, I AM ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST IN  
WHATEVER WAY I CAN.  
PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST AND MOST  
DISTINGUISHED CONSIDERATION. END TEXT.  
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